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2. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 encoding the amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO:2).
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4. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 comprising the nucleic acid depicted in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:1).
5. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 operably linked to an expression vector comprising transcriptional and translational regulatory DNA.
6. A host cell transformed with an expression vector according to claim 5.
7. (Amended) A method of producing a DRG11 protein comprising:
- a) culturing a host cell transformed with an expression vector comprising a nucleic acid according to claim 1; and
  - b) expressing said nucleic acid to produce a DRG11 protein.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are currently pending. The advisory action mailed July 24, 2001 (paper No. 33) did not enter the proposed amendments of response mailed on June 18, 2001 because they raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search and they were not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal. The current office action mailed December 17, 2001 (paper No. 36), which this communication is responsive to, does not mention the previous proposed amendments being entered. Applicants provide a "clean" set of the proposed amendments above, and have attached a version showing changes made for the Examiner's convenience. In addition, a